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For: **VOICE COMMAND REMOTE  
CONTROL SYSTEM**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

**DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.131**

Sir:

I, Bahram G. Kermani, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am an Iranian citizen. I was an employee of Lucent Technologies from March 1996 until January 2000.
2. I am the inventor of all of the subject matter claimed in the above-identified patent application.
3. I am aware that U.S. Patent No. 6,339,706 has been cited as prior art by the Examiner with respect to Claims 1-31 of the above-identified application. I am aware that the earliest claimed filing date of the 6,339,706 patent is November 12, 1999.
4. This declaration is to establish completion of the invention in the above-identified application in the United States at a date prior to November 12, 1999.
5. Prior to November 12, 1999, I completed my invention as described and claimed in the subject application in this country, as more particularly detailed below:

a. Prior to November 12, 1999, having earlier conceived of the subject matter now being claimed, I prepared a Patent Committee Invention Submission form entitled "Voice Command Based Remote Control System" which included a detailed description of the invention now being claimed in the above-identified patent application. In accordance with Lucent procedures, I had Mr. Eduardo Abreu, a fellow Lucent employee, read, sign and date the form; Mr. Abreu signed and dated the form prior to November 12, 1999. Subsequent to the signing by Mr. Abreu, I submitted the form to the Lucent Microelectronics Patent Committee in the interest of seeking patent protection for the invention. The Patent Committee assigned a submission number and managing attorney to the case, and also dated the submission form; the Patent Committee signed and dated the form prior to November 12, 1999. A copy of the submission form, with the dates redacted, is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

b. Prior to November 12, 1999, having earlier conceived of the subject matter now being claimed, I prepared a Patent Committee Invention Submission form entitled "Universal Remote Control for Telephone Answering Device" which included a detailed description of embodiments of the invention now being claimed in the above-identified patent application. In accordance with Lucent procedures, I had Mr. Eduardo Abreu, a fellow Lucent employee, read, sign and date the form; Mr. Abreu signed and dated the form prior to November 12, 1999. Subsequent to the signing by Mr. Abreu, I submitted the form to the Lucent Microelectronics Patent Committee in the interest of seeking patent protection for the invention. The Patent Committee assigned a submission number and managing attorney to the case, and also dated the submission form; the Patent Committee signed and dated the form prior to November 12, 1999. A copy of the submission form, with the dates redacted, is

attached hereto as Exhibit B.

c. Exhibits A and B provide details of the features and elements of the claimed invention. More specifically, they describe a system and method through which a user can control one or more controlled devices from a remote position by entering a voice command into a remote device, converting the command to an electrical signal, and transmitting the signal to the controlled device wherein the signal is converted to pattern data and compared with stored data to recognize (or not) the voice command as corresponding to a set of stored data.

6. As the person signing below:

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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